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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (previously presented): The connector (21,22) of claim 13, wherein the curved portion forms a radius of about .04 inches.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The connector (21,22) of claim 13, wherein the locking latch (40) is constructed substantially in accordance with the dimensions shown in Figure 2a.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (canceled)

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Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): In a connector (21,22) for a suspended ceiling grid having a main beam (20) and cross beams (26,27),

- wherein the a connector (21) on a cross beam (26)
(a) is capable of

being stabbed through a slot (23) in the main beam (20) to lock with the main beam (20), and with an opposing identical connector (22), already in the slot (23), on a cross beam (27), and

(b) has a cantilevered locking latch (40) integral with and pivoted from a base (41) in the connector (21),

- and wherein,

(c) when the connector (21,22) is stabbed through the slot (23) in the main beam (20), the locking latch (40) is capable of contacting a side of a slot (23) and being forced by a side of

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the slot (23) to flex toward the base (41)
to permit the locking latch (40) to pass
through the slot (23), and

(d) when the connector (21,22) has
been stabbed through the slot (23), the
locking latch (40) is capable of flexing
back to a relaxed position wherein it is
pivoted away from the base (41), to lock the
connector (21) on cross beam (26) to the
main beam (20),

the improvement comprising

the locking latch (40) formed with a curved portion
before extending in straight lever fashion [..],
wherein the curved portion of locking latch (40) is capable
of delaying contact of the locking latch (40) with a side
of the slot (23) when the connector (21) is stabbed
through the slot (23) in the main beam (20), and whereby
connector (21) is capable of being adjusted vertically
without being forced against the connector (22) already in
the slot (23) by the locking latch (40) in contact with a
side of slot (23).